

Qur. 4:125 And who is better in faith than those who 'fully' submit themselves to Allah, do good, and follow the Way of Abraham, the upright? Allah chose Abraham as a close friend.

2:124-5: 'Remember' when *Abraham* was tested by his Lord with 'certain' commandments, which he fulfilled. Allah said, "I will certainly make you into a role model for the people." *Abraham* asked, "What about my offspring?" Allah replied, "My covenant is not extended to the wrongdoers." And 'remember' when We made the Sacred House a centre and a sanctuary for the people 'saying', "'You may' take the standing-place of *Abraham* as a site of prayer." And We entrusted *Abraham* and Ishmael to purify My House for those who circle it, who meditate in it, and who bow and prostrate themselves 'in prayer' And 'remember' when *Abraham* said, "My Lord! Show me how you give life to the dead." Allah responded, "Do you not believe?" *Abraham* replied, "Yes I do, but just so my heart can be reassured." Allah said, "Then bring four birds, train them to come to you, 'then cut them into pieces,' and scatter them on different hilltops. Then call them back, they will fly to you in haste. And 'so you will' know that Allah is Almighty, All-Wise."

(37:99ff) Abraham said: "I am going to my Lord; He will guide me. Lord, grant me a righteous son." (In response to this prayer) We gave him the good news of a prudent boy; and when he was old enough to go about and work with him, (one day) Abraham said to him: "My son, I see in my dream that I am slaughtering you. So consider (and tell me) what you think." He said: "Do as you are bidden. You will find me, if Allah so wills, among the steadfast." When both surrendered (to Allah's command) and Abraham flung the son down on his forehead, We cried out: "O Abraham, you have indeed fulfilled your dream. Thus do We reward the good-doers." This was indeed a plain trial. And We ransomed him with a mighty sacrifice, and We preserved for him a good name among posterity. Peace be upon Abraham. Thus do We reward the good-doers. Surely he was one of Our believing servants. And We gave him the good news of Isaac, a Prophet and among the righteous ones. And We blessed him and Isaac. Among the offspring of the two some did good and some plainly wronged themselves.

(37:114ff.) Verily We bestowed Our favours on Moses and Aaron and We delivered both of them and their people from the great calamity. We succoured them, and they gained the upper hand (against their enemies). We granted them a Clear

Book, and showed them the Straight Way, and preserved for them a good name among posterity. Peace be upon Moses and Aaron. Thus do We reward the good-doers. Surely both of them were among Our believing servants.

(37:123) Surely, Elias too was among the Messengers.⁷⁰ (37:124) (Call to mind) when he said to his people: “Will you not fear Allah? (37:125) Do you call upon Baal⁷¹ and forsake the Best of the Creators? (37:126) Allah is your Lord and the Lord of your ancestors of yore.” (37:127) But they denounced him as a liar, so they will surely be arraigned (for punishment), (37:128) except Allah's chosen servants.⁷² (37:129) We preserved a good name for him among posterity.⁷³ (37:130) Peace be upon Elias.⁷⁴ (37:131) Thus do We reward the good-doers. (37:132) He was one of Our believing servants.

(37:133) And Lot too was one of the Messengers. (37:134) (Call to mind) when We delivered him and all his kinsfolk, (37:135) except for an old woman who was among those that stayed behind.⁷⁵ (37:136) Then We utterly destroyed the rest of them. (37:137) You pass by their desolate habitations in the morning⁷⁶ (37:138) and at night. Do you still not understand? (37:139)

And Jonah too was one of the Messengers.⁷⁷ (37:140) Call to mind when he fled to the laden ship,⁷⁸ (37:141) cast lots, and was among the losers. (37:142) Then a fish swallowed him, and he was blameworthy.⁷⁹ (37:143) Had he not been one of those who glorify Allah,⁸⁰ (37:144) he would certainly have remained in its belly till the Day of Resurrection.⁸¹ (37:145) But We threw him on a wide bare tract of land while he was ill,⁸² (37:146) and caused a gourd tree⁸³ to grow over him, (37:147) and We sent him forth to a nation of a hundred thousand or more,⁸⁴ (37:148) and they believed. So We let them enjoy life for a while.⁸⁵ (37:149)